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## MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Critique for OXCART Mission BX6727

1. Subject mission critique was conducted in the OSA Control Center at 1400, 13 October 1967.

2. Mission Data:

- a. Mission Number: BX6727
- b. Date Flown: 6 October 1967
- c. Area of Operation: North Vietnam
- d. Mission Success: Successful
- e. Pilot's Name: [ ]
- f. Aircraft Number: 131
- g. Primary or Spare Flown: Primary
- h. Takeoff Time - Planned: 06/0105Z  
Actual: 06/0105Z
- i. Landing Time - Planned: 06/0442Z (Kadena)  
Actual: [ ]
- j. Time Enroute - Planned: 3+42  
Actual: 2+20
- k. Departure Base: Kadena AB
- l. Landing Base: [ ]
- m. Equipment:

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- (1) Primary: Type I, [ ]
- (2) Spare: Same as primary

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3. Operations:

- a. Route (INS Plot vs. Planned): Satisfactory.

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- (1) Comments: Excellent track.
  - (2) INS Terminal Error: 2.8 NM for 2+50 nav time.
  - (3) INS Spec Error: 4.8 NM
- b. Mission Generation & Operational Support: Satisfactory.

(1) Comments: Pilot aborted after one pass over denied due to low oil pressure indication on right engine.

c. Other Comments: Mission recovered to Kadena 9 Oct 67 in-cell with KC-135.

4. Weather:

a. Forecast vs. Actual:

(1) As briefed.

(2) Comments: [redacted] reported the target area Cat I and 40 percent cloud cover from the camera on point to off point for pass one. The forecast for [redacted] was accurate and no recovery weather problems were experienced.

b. Weather Scout Reporting: Satisfactory.

5. Intelligence:

a. Target Coverage:

(1) 10 of 24 programmed targets covered.  
(2) 1 first priority SSM target of 9 covered.  
(3) 6 of 27 first priority NVN COMOR targets covered  
(4) 10 SAM sites, 0 sites occupied, 0 new sites  
(5) 6 other priority NVN COMOR targets covered.  
(6) Comments: Obtained extensive observations of rolling stock.

b. Quality of Take: Satisfactory.

(1) Resolution: Good.

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(2) Camera Operation: 19 minutes of take. Light haze,  
no cages and 1711' film transported. Four 1/2 inch tears in  
post-flight position of mission. This occurred during down  
loading at [redacted]

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f. Take Movement:

(1) Photography: Satisfactory.

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6. Materiel:

a. Aircraft General: Unsatisfactory.

(1) Comments: Air aborted [redacted] right engine oil  
pressure slowly dropped to zero. Engine not shut-down.  
Discrepancy localized to indicator circuit from transmitter.  
Now localized to Bendix terminal box. No previous failures.

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b. Aircraft Systems: Satisfactory.

7. Communications: Satisfactory.

a. Message Traffic: Satisfactory.

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(1) Comments: All traffic moved without difficulty.

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(1) Comments: System functioned as programmed.

c. UHF/HF Commo: Satisfactory.

d. Other Comments: Possible compromise of call signs investigated and cleared as no compromise.

8. Significant Actions Taken:

a. Aircraft recovery procedures are being reviewed by operations staff and will be the subject of separate actions (OXCART Division, OSA).

b. Weather scout identifiers/Area suffix are being changed each mission due to suspected pre-mission indicators to ChiCom Air Defense (OXCART Division, OSA).

9. Outstanding Actions Required:

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